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1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Bailey
1-Mr. Sarodor
1-Mr. Rauposh
1-Mr. Wick

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Senator:

Reference is made to three letters addressed to you bearing the signature and address "Frank Gedra, 4108 No Kenmore, Chgo Ill, Apt 602," which were forwarded to this Bureau from the office of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice.

Due to the fact Frank Gedra stated: "I know of a man who induced Oswald to murder your brother Pres Kennedy I have some information I will give you if you get in touch with me," our Chicago Office conducted an appropriate inquiry.

Special Agents of this Bureau interviewed Frank Gedra at his residence in Chicago. At that time, he stated his full name is Frank Gaidras and that he was born in Chicago, Illinois, on [redacted]. He changed his name from Gaidras to Gedra in order to "Americanize" the name, but he has never had his name changed legally. In addition, he has also utilized the name of Robert Starnes. (b)(7)(C)

Gedra was asked what information he possessed concerning Lee Harvey Oswald and about the man who induced Oswald to murder President Kennedy. Gedra stated he was certain that a man named "Knutson," whose first name he does not know, had induced Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy. Gedra was specifically asked the basis for his belief in this regard and he said that "Knutson" sends his mental messages and he can always tell what "Knutson" is doing because of these messages. He said he receives these messages from "Knutson" constantly and they sometimes cause him severe headaches.

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Cedra stated he has never heard "Kautsos" actually mention Lee Harvey Oswald out loud, but he feels certain that a man like "Kautsos" must have had something to do with Oswald. He also related that "Kautson" had worked with him in the past at Central Scientific Company in Chicago, and he believed "Kautson" was probably responsible for his losing his job there. Cedra related he had no other information concerning Lee Harvey Oswald or the assassination of President Kennedy other than that mentioned above.

The Special Agents of our Chicago Office conducted additional inquiries concerning Cedra at his former places of employment, and individuals contacted indicated in their opinion Cedra was "not quite right." His brother, [redacted] (b)(7)(C) advised that his mother and the mother of Frank Caldras, or Frank Cedra, is now in a mental institution at Elgin, Illinois. He advised that his brother had also been in a similar institution on about two occasions in the past, but he could not recall the details. He further advised that his brother on occasions is a heavy drinker, and that he was usually drunk several times a month.

The above is furnished for your information, and due to the indication of possible mental instability, additional inquiries will not be conducted. However, this information has been furnished to the United States Secret Service and to the office of Mr. Vinson.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: The Department furnished three similar letters bearing the signature "Frank Cedra," which were addressed to Senator Edward M. Kennedy. Cedra claimed he knew of a man who induced Oswald to murder the former President. These letters were furnished to the Department by Senator Kennedy and since this was a referral, appropriate inquiries were made. Our Chicago Office conducted the investigation and submitted a letterhead memorandum, as requested by the Bureau. The information of pertinent value to Senator Kennedy is set forth in this letter, and the letterhead memorandum is being furnished to United States Secret Service and to the Department. Our Chicago Office furnished a copy of the letterhead memorandum to United States Secret Service in Chicago in view of the mental history and activities of the subject.